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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Denis R. McDonough Secretary of Veterans Affairs U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Ave NW, Washington, DC 20420 The Honorable Matthew T. Quinn Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs National Cemetery Administration 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420

September 20th, 2022

Dear Secretary McDonough and Secretary Quinn:

I write this letter to express my concerns regarding a significant issue facing the veterans of my district in the Rio Grande Valley. Numerous veterans and veteran organizations in my district have brought to my attention the need for a Veteran's Cemetery in Brownsville, Texas to accommodate the high veteran population in the Rio Grande Valley.

Due to the high veteran population in South Texas, there is a significant need to ensure a respectful and appropriate burial location for our veterans. By making an exception to NCA Directive 30001, the VA's "75-mile rule," we can ensure our veterans and their families have the services to meet their needs.

I ask for a response on this matter no later than October 5th, 2022. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this critical matter

Very Respectfully,

Mayra Flores

Member of Congress

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